



Beaver Creek Fire

July 18, 2016, 8:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

Evacuation orders remain in place

Fire Size Today:

24,798 acres

Containment:

5%

287 Firefighters:

4 crews, 24 engines, 1 dozer and 2 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, BLM Kremmling Field Office, State of Colorado Lands, BLM Rawlins Field Office and Wyoming State Forestry Division

Started:

6/19/16 Cause is being actively investigated: Information or tips call U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau 307-343-2335

Management: Western Colorado Interagency—Team B Type 3 Incident Management Team

Summary:

Yesterday, a decrease in cloud cover lead to more active fire activity early in the day, as compared to the previous few days. This activity took place mostly on the southern edge, where the alignment of the terrain allowed the fire to travel and send up a large smoke column. Fire growth potential and heat remain throughout the entire fire perimeter, and the fire gained a total of 1,913 acres yesterday.

On the eastern flank, firefighters have accomplished good work inside of Trophy Mountain Ranch and the elk and fence are both reported to be in good condition. Crews will continue to work ensuring that fallen timber will not compromise the fence.

Most of the fire acreage increase was a result of the activity on the southwestern corner of the fire, in the Hill Ranch area, east of the 609 Road. Firefighters worked hard in this area to protect structures, using a combination of fire resistant cabin wrap, sprinkler systems and burnout operations. Helicopters also used aerial firing tactics to conduct strategic firing operations to protect these values at risk on the eastern and southern edges of the fire.

This morning's weather will be similar to yesterday, with the biggest change being anticipated, scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Crews will continue to work in areas where they can safely address the fire, and plan to use aerial ignition to hopefully connect the fire line to the 660 road.

"This changing weather pattern is not going to bring in an event ending wetting rain," said Incident Meteorologist Tim Mathewson. "These rains are expected to bring in a potential half inch of rain over the next six days. Unfortunately, potential lightening also brings the potential for new fire starts in the area."

The incident management team will assist by sending initial attack resources to any new fire starts in the area.

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